

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HM 799 (2019)

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)

ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION _____ (Y/N)

FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)

WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)

OTHER

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Local, Federal & Veterans
Affairs Subcommittee

Representative Overdorf offered the following:

Amendment

Remove lines 9-24 and insert:

WHEREAS, a state must seek a memorandum of agreement from
the United States Environmental Protection Agency as part of an
application to assume a section 404 dredge and fill permitting
program under the federal Clean Water Act, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2018-88, Laws of Florida, authorized the
Department of Environmental Protection to seek the assumption of
a section 404 dredge and fill permitting program, and

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15 WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Protection must
16 complete rulemaking so Florida can complete assumption of the
17 section 404 dredge and fill permitting program, and

18 WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Protection cannot
19 complete rulemaking until a memorandum of agreement has been
20 finalized, and

21 WHEREAS, since March 2018, the United States Environmental
22 Protection Agency has not finalized a memorandum of agreement so
23 Florida can complete assumption of a section 404 dredge and fill
24 permitting program, and

25 WHEREAS, without the memorandum of agreement, critical
26 environmental restoration activities, including projects under
27 the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, continue to be
28 delayed, NOW, THEREFORE,

29 Remove lines 28-37 and insert:

30 That the Congress of the United States is urged to direct
31 the United States Environmental Protection Agency to finalize a
32 memorandum of agreement by July 1, 2019, so Florida may complete
33 the assumption of a section 404 dredge and fill permitting
34 program under the federal Clean Water Act.
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